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# H. RES. 166

Recognizing the outstanding and invaluable disaster relief assistance provided by individuals, organizations, businesses, and other entities to the people of Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas during the devastating flooding caused by tropical storm Allison.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2001

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. REYES, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. TURNER, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. DELAY, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. FROST, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the outstanding and invaluable disaster relief assistance provided by individuals, organizations, businesses, and other entities to the people of Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas during the devastating flooding caused by tropical storm Allison.

Whereas during June 2001 tropical storm Allison brought catastrophic flooding to Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas;

Whereas this disaster tragically and suddenly took the lives of 21 people;

Whereas this disaster injured countless other people, uprooted families, and devastated businesses and institutions;

Whereas the State of Texas has been declared a Federal disaster area, and individuals and families in 28 Texas counties are eligible for Federal assistance;

Whereas numerous individuals and entities have selflessly and heroically given of themselves and their resources to aid in the disaster relief efforts; and

Whereas the catastrophic injury, death, and damage in Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas caused by tropical storm Allison would have been even worse in the absence of local relief efforts: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-  
 2 nizes, for outstanding and invaluable service during the  
 3 devastating flooding caused by tropical storm Allison in  
 4 Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas, the following:

5           (1) the American Red Cross service centers lo-  
 6 cated at Sunnyside Multi-Service Center,  
 7 Friendswood Activity Center, Lakewood Church, and  
 8 Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Amer-  
 9 ican Red Cross shelters located at Salvation Army  
 10 Community Center, Arbor Lights Men's Shelter, the  
 11 B.L.O.C.K., Oak Village Middle School, Kirby Mid-  
 12 dle School, and Sweet Home Missionary Church,  
 13 and the many other voluntary relief sites and shel-  
 14 ters who rendered outstanding and invaluable assist-  
 15 ance to the victims of the disaster;

1           (2) the Houston Police Department, the Hous-  
2           ton Fire Department, and the Sheriff's Department  
3           of Harris County, Texas, who displayed great brav-  
4           ery and dedication in rendering assistance to the  
5           people of Houston, Texas during the disaster;

6           (3) Houston Mayor Lee Brown, particularly for  
7           his effort in establishing the Adopt-a-Family pro-  
8           gram and for his collaboration in the disaster relief  
9           efforts with Robert Echols;

10          (4) Texas Governor Rick Perry and all other  
11          State and local officials, who provided invaluable  
12          support and assistance;

13          (5) the Federal Emergency Management Agen-  
14          cy, who quickly deployed and responded to the dis-  
15          aster;

16          (6) the United States Coast Guard;

17          (7) the Texas Army National Guard, who  
18          quickly deployed and responded to the disaster;

19          (8) the employees of Texas Medical Center, Me-  
20          morial Hermann Hospital, and Houston Veteran's  
21          Hospital, who struggled heroically to perform their  
22          jobs amid chaos;

23          (9) all the volunteers, who are too numerous to  
24          name, but who made heroic efforts and special sac-

1        rifices and played a crucial role in the disaster relief  
2        efforts;

3            (10) the private sector, including major cor-  
4        porations, other businesses of all sizes, and their em-  
5        ployees, who rapidly and voluntarily donated money  
6        and other resources to the disaster relief efforts;

7            (11) the many media organizations who aided  
8        the relief effort by keeping the community closely  
9        and extensively informed, requesting volunteers, and  
10       providing information regarding dangerous roads;  
11       and

12           (12) all the individuals and organizations who  
13        immediately and unselfishly helped the people of  
14        Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas in their time  
15        of need, took quick and decisive action for the public  
16        good, and demonstrated an ability to work together  
17        for a brighter future.

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